IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

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Plaintiff,

v.

ACOLOR COMPANY; CHRYSLER CORPORATION; CITATION WALTHER; CITY OF KALAMAZOO, MICHIGAN; COSCO, INC.; ERICSSON CABLES, INC.; INDIANA STEEL AND WIRE; KYSOR INDUSTRIAL CORPORATION; LAWRENCE INDUSTRIES; LEAR PLASTICS CORPORATION; MICRO METAL FINISHING, INC.; PLYMOUTH TUBE; REXNORD HOLDINGS, INC.; STAUFFER MANAGEMENT COMPANY; TEXTRON, INC.; UNION TANK CAR COMPANY; V.W. KAISER ENGINEERING; WARSAW PLATING WORKS, INC.; WESTINGHOUSE ELECTRIC CORPORATION; and XTEK, INC. Defendants.

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## CONSENT DECREE

WHEREAS, Plaintiff, the United States of America, on behalf of the United States Environmental Protection Agency, having filed a Complaint under Section 107 of the Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act, 42 U.S.C. § 9607;

WHEREAS, the United States alleged in the Complaint, inter alia, that Defendants are liable for response costs incurred by the United States in the course of responding to releases and threatened releases of hazardous substances into the environment from the Auto-Ion Facility located at 72-74 Mills Street, Kalamazoo, Michigan;

WHEREAS, the United States and Settling Defendants, having agreed that the settlement of this matter without further litigation at this time is fair, reasonable, and in the public interest, and the Court being duly advised in the premises;

NOW, THEREFORE, before the taking of any testimony, without any admission of or any adjudication on any issue of fact or law, and upon the consent and agreement of the parties to this Consent Decree by their attorneys and authorized officials, it is hereby Ordered, Adjudged, and Decreed as follows:

### I. JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- 1. This Court has jurisdiction over the subject matter of this action and over the parties to this Decree, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1331 and § 1345, and CERCLA Sections 107(a), and 113(b), 42 U.S.C. § 9607(a) and § 9613(b). The parties agree to be bound by the terms of this Decree and not to contest its validity in any subsequent proceeding arising from it.
- 2. Venue is proper in this Court pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 9613(b) and under 28 U.S.C. §§ 1391(b) and (c).

### II. AUTHORITY

3. The undersigned representative of each Settling
Defendant certifies that he or she is fully authorized to enter
into this Consent Decree and to execute and to bind legally such
party to this document. This Consent Decree shall apply to and
be binding upon the Settling Defendants, including their
successors and assigns, and the United States.

#### III. <u>DEFINITIONS</u>

The following definitions shall apply in this Consent Decree:

- 4. "Settling Defendants" means all Defendants named in this civil action i.e.: Acolor Company; Chrysler Corporation; Citation Walther; City of Kalamazoo, Michigan; Ericsson Cables, Inc.; Cosco, Inc.; Textron, Inc.; Indiana Steel and Wire; Kysor Industrial Corporation; Lawrence Industries; Lear Plastics Corporation; Micro Metal Finishing, Inc.; Plymouth Tube; Rexnord Holdings, Inc.; Stauffer Management Company; Union Tank Car Company; V.W. Kaiser Engineering; Warsaw Plating Works, Inc.; Westinghouse Electric Corporation; and Xtek, Inc.
- 5. "Response Costs" shall have the meaning ascribed to that term in 42 U.S.C. §9607(a).
- 6. "Federal Response Costs" are all Response Costs with respect to the Auto-Ion Facility incurred by the United States

on or before December 27, 1989, including pre-judgment interest on such costs commencing March 13, 1991.

- 7. "Auto-Ion Facility" or "Facility" means the entire premises located at 72-74 Mills Street in Kalamazoo, Michigan, as shown in the legal description and map attached hereto as Appendix 1.
- 8. "United States" shall mean the United States of America, including its agencies, departments, and instrumentalities.
- 9. "EPA" or "U.S. EPA" means the United States
  Environmental Protection Agency.
- 10. "Settling Federal Department" means the United States
  Department of the Navy.

#### IV. PAYMENT BY SETTLING DEFENDANTS OF FEDERAL RESPONSE COSTS

- 11. Within 30 days of entry of this Decree, Settling
  Defendants shall pay to the EPA Hazardous Substance Superfund the
  sum of \$225,000, plus interest thereon from October 15, 1991, to
  the date of payment, calculated at the same rate as interest on
  investments of the EPA Hazardous Substance Superfund, as of
  October 15, 1991.
- 12. Payment made pursuant to this Section of the Decree, shall be made by certified or cashier's check payable to the "EPA Hazardous Substance Superfund" and shall be delivered to: U.S. EPA, Superfund Accounting, P.O. Box 70753, Chicago, Illinois 60673. The check or transmittal letter shall refer to "Auto-Ion"

Facility, Kalamazoo, Michigan," and <u>United States v. Acolor</u>

<u>Company, et al.</u> (W.D. Michigan) (D.J. No. 90-11-2-479A). A copy

of the payment check and transmittal letter shall be sent to each

of the following:

- Waste Management Division Technical Support Section Responsible Party -- Cost Recovery Unit (5HR-11);
- Financial Accounting Section (5MF-14); and
- Office of Regional Counsel (5CS-16)

at the following address:

U.S. EPA, Region V 230 South Dearborn Street Chicago, Illinois 60604

#### and to:

- United States Department of Justice Environmental Enforcement Section P.O. Box 7611
  Ben Franklin Station Washington, DC 20044
- 13. If the payment under paragraph 11 is not made on time, Settling Defendants shall pay the EPA Hazardous Substance Superfund interest on any unpaid sum accruing on and after the date payment is due. Interest shall accrue at the same rate as interest on investments of the EPA Hazardous Substance Superfund.
- 14. If Settling Defendants fail to make the payment required by this Decree, Settling Defendants shall be liable for all litigation and other enforcement costs incurred by the United States to enforce this Decree or otherwise obtain such payment.

# V. PAYMENT OF FEDERAL RESPONSE COSTS BY SETTLING FEDERAL DEPARTMENT

- 15. Within a reasonable period of time after the effective date of this Consent Decree, the United States on behalf of the Settling Federal Department shall cause \$35,000.00, as reimbursement of Federal Response Costs, to be directly transferred to the Hazardous Substance Superfund. The transfer shall reference DOJ Number 90-11-3-532. Documentation of the transfer shall be sent to U.S. EPA.
- 16. Payment by the United States on behalf of the Settling Federal Department is subject to the availability of funds appropriated for this purpose. No provision of this Consent Decree shall be interpreted as or constitute a commitment or requirement that any federal agency obligate or pay funds in contravention of the Anti-Deficiency Act, 31 U.S.C. § 1341.

### VI. COVENANT NOT TO SUE SETTLING DEFENDANTS

- 17. In consideration of all payments made by Settling
  Defendants as required under the terms of this Decree, the United
  States covenants not to sue or take any other civil judicial or
  administrative action against the Settling Defendants, other than
  enforcing the judgment set forth herein, for the recovery of
  Federal Response Costs, as defined by this Decree. This covenant
  shall become effective only after timely payment is made to the
  United States of all sums provided for in Section IV, above.
- 18. The United States expressly reserves, and this Decree shall be without prejudice to, any other claims that the United

States may have, including, without limitation, any claims against the Settling Defendants under CERCLA for Response Costs not covered by this Decree. This covenant not to sue shall, without limitation, not include or in any way affect any of the following:

- 1) Claims of the United States for recovery of any response costs incurred after December 27, 1989;
- 2) Claims of the United States for interest on the foregoing;
- 3) Claims of the United States for damages to natural resources;
- 4) Claims of the United States under Section 106 of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9606; and
  - 5) Claims for criminal liability.
- 19. The covenant not to sue in Paragraph 17 is not, and shall not be construed to be, a release of any kind.
- 20. Nothing in Paragraph 17 this Decree is intended as a covenant not to sue or a release from liability for any person or entity other than the Settling Defendants. The United States expressly reserves all claims, demands and causes of action either judicial or administrative, past or future, in law or equity, against any person or entity other than the Settling Defendants for any matter arising at or relating in any manner to the Auto-Ion Facility.

#### VII. RESPONSE AUTHORITY

21. Nothing in this Decree shall be deemed to limit the response authority of the United States under Section 104 of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9604, or the authority of the United States under Section 106 of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9606.

### VIII. WAIVER AND DISMISSAL OF CLAIMS

- 22. In consideration of the entry of this Decree, the Settling Defendants agree not to, and shall not, make any claims against U.S. EPA or the Hazardous Substance Superfund (established pursuant to the Internal Revenue Code, 26 U.S.C. § 9507), including any claim pursuant to Sections 111 and 112 of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9611 and § 9612, for Federal Response Costs, or for reimbursement of any costs incurred by the Settling Defendants at the Auto-Ion Facility prior to lodging of this Decree, or for any attorneys' fees related to this action.
- 23. In further consideration of the entry of this Decree, the Settling Defendants also waive, release, and covenant not to sue on any claim, counterclaim, or cause of action Settling Defendants could have pleaded in this civil action pursuant to CERCLA (and especially CERCLA 107 and 113) against the Settling Federal Department for Federal Response Costs, as defined by paragraph 6 of this Decree. This paragraph shall take effect upon payment by the United States on behalf of Settling Federal Department pursuant to paragraphs and 15 and 16. The payment on

behalf of the Settling Federal Defendant is in settlement of disputed claims against it and is not an admission of liability.

## IX. COVENANT AMONG AND BETWEEN SETTLING DEFENDANTS

24. Each and every Settling Defendant hereby covenants not to sue any other Settling Defendant who has made the payment required by the Agreement Among Participating Parties, attached hereto as Exhibit A, for any claims for Federal Response Costs as defined by paragraph 6 of this Decree.

### X. <u>DISCLAIMER</u>

25. Except as otherwise provided in the Federal Rules of Evidence, the participation of the parties in this Decree shall not be considered an admission of any fact, or an admission of liability for any purpose, and the fact of such participation shall not be admissible in any judicial or administrative proceeding between or among the parties, except a proceeding to enforce the terms of this Decree.

### XI. RETENTION OF JURISDICTION

26. The Court shall retain jurisdiction of this matter for the purpose of enforcing the terms of this Decree.

## XII. TERMINATION OF SETTLING DEFENDANTS' OBLIGATIONS

27. The obligations of Settling Defendants' shall terminate

upon confirmation by the United States that all payments required by Section IV have been made.

## XIII. PUBLIC NOTICE AND COMMENT

28. The parties acknowledge that the consent of the United States and entry of this Decree is subject to the public notice and comment requirements of Section 122 of CERCLA and 28 C.F.R. § 50.7.

So Ordered,

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United States District Judge

BY THEIR COUNSEL, THE PARTIES ENTER INTO THIS CONSENT DECREE AND SUBMIT IT TO THE COURT, THAT IT MAY BE APPROVED AND ENTERED.

Certified As A True Copy,
C. Duke Hygek, Clerk

By Deputy Clerk

U.S. District Count

Western Dist. of Michigan

## FOR PLAINTIFF, THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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By:

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Assistant Regional Counsel U.S. EPA, Region V

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	Ouincy, MI 49082
By:	Brian Hammerbacher
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	Vice Messon Manufacturing Operations
	Title of Signatory
	Title of Signatory
Date	October 18, 1991.
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Name:	Michael B. Ortega
Address:	444 West Michigan Avenue Kalamazoo, MI 49007

Settling D	efendant: Chrysler Corporation		
Address:	12000 Chrysler Drive Highland Park, MI 48288-1919		
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	Assistant Secretary Title of Signatory		
Date:	October 18, 1991		
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Settling I	Defendant:City of Kalamazoo
Address:	243 Cedar Kalamazoo, Michigan 49007 Attn.: Robert Cinabro, City Attorney
By:	James C. Holgersson Name of Officer Signature of Officer City Manager Title of Signatory
Date	October 28, 1991
	ent from the above, the following is the name and f this Settling Defendant's agent for Service of
Name:	Susan Padley Telford
Address:	Howard & Howard Attorneys 1400 N. Woodward, Suite 250 Bloomfield Hills, Michigan 48304

fore	going	undersigned Settling Defendant hereby consents to the Consent Decree regarding <u>United States v. Acolor Company</u> ,
Sett	ling	Defendant: <u>H. B. Sherman Mfg. Div. Citation Walther</u>
Addr	ess:	38481 Huron River Dr.  Romulus, MI 48174
By:	·	Joseph F. McCarthy Name of Officer Signature of Officer Assistant Secretary, Citation Walther Title of Signatory
1	Date	: <u>October 18, 1991</u>
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Settling Defendant: Cosco, Inc. for Cosco Household Products 2525 State Street Address: 47201 Columbus, IN Jonathan Reynolds By: Name of Officer of Officer Vice President and General Counsel Title of Signatory Date: October 18, 1991 If different from the above, the following is the name and address of this Settling Defendant's agent for service of process: Harold V. Jones, Jr. Name: Jones Patterson Boll & Tucker Address: P.O. Box 67 Columbus, IN 47202-0067

Settling D	Ericsson Cables, Inc., on behalf of Anaconda Wire & Cable Company	
Address:	730 International Parkway Richardson, Texas 75081	
	Lawrence F. Lyles Name of Officer Signature of Officer Title of Signatory	
Dates	October 17, 1991	
	nt from the above, the following is the name an this Settling Defendant's agent for service of	
Name:		
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Settling Defendant:

INDIANA STEEL & WIRE

Address:

2200 East Jackson Street
Post Office Box 2647

Muncie, Indiana 47307-0647

BARNES & THORNBURG

Attorneys for Indiana Steel & Wire

Jean L. Doyle, Esquire

600 1st Source Bank Center 100 North Michigan Street South Bend, Indiana 46601

Date: October 21, 1991

If different from the above, the following is the name and address of this Settling Defendant's agent for service of process:

Name: Ms. Jean L. Doyle

Address: BARNES & THORNBURG

600 1st Source Bank Center 100 North Michigan Street South Bend, Indiana 46601

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Settling	Defendant: Kysor Industrial Corporation, for	r
Address:	One Madison Avenue Cadillac. MI 49601	
By:	Richard G. DeBoer  Name of Officer  Signature of Officer	
	Assistant Treasurer Title of Signatory	
Date	October 17, 1991	
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Name:	David W. Crooks	
Address:	One Madison Avenue Cadillac, MI 49601	

Settling D	Pefendant: LAWRENCE INDUSTRIES
Address:	P.O. Box 141 Plainwell, MI 49080
By:	Ruth E. Murphy Name of Officer
	Signature of Officer
	President Title of Signatory
Date	October 18, 1991
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Name:	Michael B. Ortega
Address:	444 West Michigan Avenue Kalamazoo, MI 49007

Settling Defendant:

LEAR PLASTICS CORPORATION (f/k/a Lear Siegler, Inc.-Haas Division)

Address:

236 West Clark Street
Mendon, Michigan 49072

VARNUM, RIDDERING, SCHMIDT & HOWLETT Attorneys for Lear Plastics Corporation (f/k/a Lear Siegler, Inc.-Haas Division)

By: Richard W. Butler, Jr.

171 Monroe N.W., Suite 800 Grand Rapids, Michigan 49503

Date: October 18, 1991

If different from the above, the following is the name and address of this Settling Defendant's agent for service of process:

Name: Mr. Richard W. Butler, Jr.

Address: VARNUM, RIDDERING, SCHMIDT & HOWLETT

171 Monroe Avenue, N.W., Suite 800

Grand Rapids, Michigan 49503

The undersigned Settling Defendant hereby consents to the foregoing Consent Decree in <u>United States v. --.</u> \*

Settling	Defendant:	MICRU	METAL	FINISHING,	INC.
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Settling Defendant: Plymouth Tube Company

Address: P.O. Box 45

29 W 150 Warrenville Road Warrenville, Illinois 60555

By:

Mr. Joseph Jarzembowski

Name of Officer

Manager, Corporate Services

Title of Signatory

Date: 007 17,159/

If different from the above, the following is the name and address of this Settling Defendant's agent for service of process:

Name:

James A. Vroman Lori Prokes Davis

Address: Winston & Strawn 35 West Wacker Drive Chicago, Illinois 60601 (312) 558-5600 -- Phone (312) 558-5700 -- Fax

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By:	Donald E. Miller Name of Officer	·
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	Title of Signatory	
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Name:	C) Corporation
Address:	Varies by State

Settling Defendant: Stauffer Management Company

on behalf of Stauffer Chemical Company

Address: ICI Ame

ICI Americas Inc. Concord Pike & New Murphy Road

Wilmington, DE 19897

By:

William J. Hutchinson

Name of Officer

Signature of Officer

Vice President

Title of Signatory

Date: October 17, 1991

If different from the above, the following is the name and address of this Settling Defendant's agent for service of process:

Name:

Palmer L. Whisenant

Address:

ICI Americas Inc. Law Department Concord Pike & New Murphy Road

Wilmington, DE 19897

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Settling	Defendant: Homelite Division of Textron Inc.
Address:	P. O. Box 7047 Charlotte, North Carolina 28241
Ву:	Paul R. Johnson Name of Officer Signature of Officer
Date	Vice President, Finance & Administration Title of Signatory  October 21, 1991
	ent from the above, the following is the name and of this Settling Defendant's agent for service of
Name:	Sloan S. Robinson
Address:	P. O. Box 7047 Charlotte, NC 28241

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By: MILLIAM R. FINKLER

Name of Officer

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Title of Signatory

Date: 10-21-91

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If different from the above, the following is the name and address of this Settling Defendant's agent for service of process:

Name: THOMAS B. GOLZ, ESQ.

Address: FAGEL + HABER

140 5. OEARBORN, # 1400

CHICAGO, IL 60603

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Settling	Defendant: V.W. KAISER ENGINEERIN	1G	
Address:	8642 Gleason Street Millington, Michigan 48/46		
By:	Terry Kaiser Name of Officer		
X	Signature of Officer President		
	Title of Signatory		
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Name:	Robert R. Clark		
aaerbbA	Lowe Gray Steele & Hoffman  Bank One Tower, #4600  Indianapolis, IN 46204		

Settling !	Defendant: _	Warsaw Plating Works, In	с.	
Address:		PO Box 914		
		Lincoln & Jefferson Sts. Warsaw, IN. 46580	- - -	
By:		Kenneth O. Truman	_	
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Settling Defendant: WESTAGE ELECTRIC CORPORATION

Address: // STAGE FOR STREET

PITTS BURGH, PA 15222

By: JACK W FISCH

Name of Officer

MANACA, CORPORATE ENVIRONMENTAL ACTIVINES

Title of Signatory

Date: 10/15/91

If different from the above, the following is the name and address of this Settling Defendant's agent for service of process:

Name:

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Settling	Defendant: XTEK, INC.
Address:	11451 Reading Road Cincinnati, Ohio 45241
By:	Robert C. Wood Name of Officer
	Signature of Officer
	VICE PRESIDENT
	Title of Signatory
Date	October 17, 1991
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